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"did the best job" she has ever seen as Group dynamics consultant. GREGORY and PAT SIMMS, consultants to the Rutgers' Workshop, and HAROLD LETT rounded it out as talent with the Rutgers background. The participants summed up their enthusiasm by answering, when asked if there should be a similar Workshop next year: "Not next year! Much sooner! This type of Workshop is an invaluable tool for promoting understanding, awareness, cooperation and acceptance."

Rox sent the full page feature story from the Providence Evening Bulletin on CATHERINE ROBINSON'S '58 life story complete with wonderful photo portraits of Kay. Turning point in her life was the Rutgers Workshop where she gained the confidence and knowledge to become a prominent speaker on human relations in the Providence area.

News from Rhode Island: CAROL WATTS '58 was married in June to LEMUEL FULLER, a teacher in Providence Junior High. REV. ALBERT TYSON '58 has been promoted to District Superintendent of the AME Church in New England. He continues to stress better race relations in his weekly radio broadcast. CARMELLO SANTORO and HAZEL DAILY, both '58s, were active members of the CITIZENS UNITED FOR A FAIR HOUSING BILL IN RHODE ISLAND, and MARY DANIGAN '58a wrote effective letters to the local papers in support of this Bill.

CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:

This wonderful human relations group in Newark chartered cars and busses to bring neighbors to the Newark Board of Education meeting on October 27, 1959 to urge a new elementary school to end overcrowded and split-sessions, along with new wings to be added to two neighborhood schools to provide toilets, lunchrooms, auditoriums, and adequate libraries. This is the kind of community relations work which our Workshopers in this Council are doing and which is most meaningful to gain official recognition for the value of their efforts.

STANLEY WINTERS '57a had an article in AMERICAN UNITY back in February 1959. His writing on "Neighborhood Councils Improve the Neighborhood" told of the efforts of the Clinton Hill group, and the article has now been reprinted for wider circulation as a model for other community groups to follow.

NUTLEY HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL:

held its fourth Annual International Covered Dish Supper on Saturday, October 24th, 1959. VIRGINIA TOMLIN '57 was reservations hostess. Our report was that this was the most successful brotherhood dinner in this series.

As we write this, we ponder at the dearth of news from Nutley...which has been one of the most active human relations councils in the state. We are reminded that this may be due to the activity of DOROTHY PETERSON '5h, long one of our most faithful reporters. Workshopers will be sorry to hear that Dorothy's daughter passed

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away on July 10th, 1959 after an illness of 18 months during which Dorothy was constantly in attendance at her bedside. We saw Dorothy at the Harold Lett dinner; the first public affair she has been to since July. Sweet and brave as ever, we hope Dorothy will regain her strength and the will to get back into the swim of things with the Hutley HR Council -- she is needed there.

BLOOMFIELD BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL:

ALBERTA BROTHERHOOD '55 was thrilled at the reports given to the Bloomfield Better Human Relations Council by ALICE GARNES and MIKE SCHAUHL from the Bloomfield Youth Group on the wonderful experience they had at the MCCJ Youth Camp for Brotherhood at Beacon, New York. And GEORGIA HENDRICKES and HALDEAN ARONSON both '59 told the Council of the rewards from attending the Rutgers Workshop and how they plan to put that experience to good use by initiating a Workshop in Human Relations in Bloomfield this coming Spring. GRACE FLATER will be the new leader of the Bloomfield Youth Group which the HR Council sponsors with the aid of Temple B'nai Zion and the Bloomfield Ministerial Society. So far there are 28 young people of all races and religions in this budding organization.

PERSONALITIES:

PHYLLIS NOVACK '58 is another admirer of CATHERINE ROBERTSON. She sent us a copy of the letter Kay wrote to the Providence Journal in answer to what must have been a lull of an article in that paper. Seem this guy made statements like "Negroes will never be fully accepted as equals....so why not re-settle in Africa where there is chance for equality among their own kind." Catherine acknowledged the difficulties facing Negroes in America today, but she doubted that many Negroes would buy the idea of running away to Africa to escape these problems. "Negroes," she says, "are not striving to be 'equal with whites.' God already has made all peoples equal with every other human being on earth. What we (Negroes) are striving for and what we eventually shall achieve is equal enjoyment of our constitutional rights as guaranteed under the Bill of Rights. The fight will be on these lines.... and Negroes are native-born Americans and will not allow themselves to run out on their own country."

MIDA THOMAS '52 has taken a position as Assistant to THOMAS JOHNSON, Administrator of New York State's Fair Educational Practices Act. Her professional duties will take her to all school districts in that state setting up programs in human relations. We will all miss Mida's helpfulness to so many of us in the field when she was Executive Secretary of the Englewood Urban League. The Northern New Jersey area will suffer from her leaving. Perhaps she and Theron will be back in New Jersey as a team for the 1960 Rutgers Workshops. Good luck, Mida, on your new job....you have a host of Workshopppers and other friends rooting for you.

PERCY H. STEELE, Jr. '52 was named to receive the 1959 JAMES J. HOEY AWARD for his contribution to interracial justice. This award is given annually by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York in honor of James J. Hoey, founder and first president of the Council. Percy is Executive Director of the San Diego (Calif.) Urban League, the position he took in 1953 after seven years as Executive